



# TREASURER-TAX COLLECTOR

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### **PROPERTY TAXES DUE DECEMBER 10<sup>TH</sup>**

#### ***Fire Victims To Receive Filing Extensions!***

#### **Multiple Locations, Extended Hours, and Tax Tent to Help Property Tax Payers**

County Treasurer-Tax Collector Dan McAllister issued a reminder today to all San Diego County property owners that the first installment of their 2003-04 property taxes is due Wednesday, December 10.

However, McAllister noted that eligible property owners whose property was severely damaged or destroyed during the recent fires in the County, may obtain tax relief and defer the property tax payment of their December 10<sup>th</sup> property tax bill. To defer their first installment, fire victims whose property sustained damage in excess of \$10,000, must apply to the County Assessor to have the property reassessed. Such filing will then automatically trigger a deferral of first installment payments and a waiving of late fees during the time the property in question is undergoing reassessment.

"Fire victims have 12 months from the date the damage occurred to their property to submit their initial applications to the Assessor. An additional application for payment deferral is not necessary," said McAllister. "We'll work with the Assessor's office after they identify the eligible properties in order to notify owners of their payment options.

"County taxpayers are our customers, we work for them and want to make their job of paying taxes as easy as possible," said McAllister. "Our hearts go out to those who have lost their homes as a result of the terrible fires in October. This is a time for government to show compassion and provide assistance to our citizens." McAllister added.

To make the payments of property taxes as easy as possible, McAllister noted, that a special **downtown tax tent**, located at the south end of the County Administration Center, 1600 Pacific Highway, will be set up for December 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> to help speed the payment process for citizens. As an added service to taxpayers, McAllister said that he is extending the service hours at the “tax tent” as well as all of his branch locations on December 10<sup>th</sup> **only**. The office will be open that day from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. with all locations offering the full range of services.

Treasurer-Tax Collector branch offices are co-located with the County Assessor in **San Marcos** at 334 Via Vera Cruz, #150, behind “Restaurant Row”; **El Cajon** at 200 S. Magnolia Avenue; **Chula Vista** at 590 Third Avenue; and Kearny **Mesa**, at 9225 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard.

#### **e-Payment Options Available**

As a “smart alternative” to paying taxes in person, McAllister indicated taxpayers could mail payments or make use of several electronic payment options. To pay over the Internet using Visa or Electronic Check, sign on to the Treasurer-Tax Collector’s web site at [www.sdtreastax.com](http://www.sdtreastax.com), and follow the prompts to the pay-by-Internet system. Property taxes can also be paid over the phone with a credit card. To pay by Discover card, call (619) 236-2330; to pay by Visa call (619) 685-2646. Convenience fees are charged by the various vendors for all such services. The specific fees are disclosed prior to completion of a transaction.

#### **Fire Victim Assistance**

The “Application for Reassessment of Property Damaged by Misfortune or Calamity”, is available on the County Assessor’s website at [www.sdarcc.com](http://www.sdarcc.com) or call the Assessor’s Main Office at (858) 505-6262, in East County at (619) 401-5700, in North County at (760) 940-6868 and in Chula Vista at (619) 498-2200.

#### **Info Line Availability**

Those who haven’t received a tax bill, or need more information, can call the Treasurer-Tax Collector’s 24-hour automated information line at (619) 236-2424.

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